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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Benjamin Johnson,

Defendant.

No. CR-25-08043-PCT-DWL (ESW)

INDICTMENT

VIO: 18 U.S.C. §§ 1153 and 1111
 (CIR – Second Degree Murder)
 Count 1

18 U.S.C. §§ 1153 and 113(a)(3)
 (CIR – Assault with a Dangerous
 Weapon)
 Count 2

18 U.S.C. §§ 1153 and 113(a)(6)
 (CIR – Assault Resulting in Serious
 Bodily Injury)
 Count 3

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i)(ii)(iii)
 (Use of a Firearm During
 Crimes of Violence)
 Count 4

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT 1

On or about October 1, 2024, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation, Indian Country, the defendant, BENJAMIN JOHNSON, an Indian, with malice aforethought, did unlawfully kill L.J.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and 1111.

COUNT 2

On or about October 1, 2024, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation, Indian Country, the defendant, BENJAMIN JOHNSON, an Indian, did intentionally and knowingly assault L.J., with a dangerous weapon, a handgun, with intent to do bodily harm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and 113(a)(3).

COUNT 3

On or about October 1, 2024, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation, Indian Country, the defendant, BENJAMIN JOHNSON, an Indian, did intentionally, knowingly, and recklessly assault the victim, L.J., resulting in serious bodily injury.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and 113(a)(6).

COUNT 4

On or about October 1, 2024, in the District of Arizona, the defendant, BENJAMIN JOHNSON, did knowingly use, carry, brandish, and discharge a firearm during and in relation to crimes of violence and did knowingly possess, brandish, and discharge the firearm, in furtherance of crimes of violence, that is Second Degree Murder and Assault With a Dangerous Weapon as alleged in Counts 1 and 2, felony crimes prosecutable in a court of the United States.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i)(ii)(iii).

A TRUE BILL

s/
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY
Date: March 25, 2025

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